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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Christopher E Mahoney

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 and 13-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 9-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figures 4A and 4C blend together. Because of the arrow, it is not clear where 4A ends and 4C begins. It is unclear which drawing the arrow belongs to. Figures 5A and 5C blend together. Because of the arrow, it is not clear where 5A ends and 5C begins. Figures 5B and 5D blend together. Because of the arrow, it is not clear where 5B ends and 5D begins. It is unclear which drawing the arrow belongs to. It is unclear which drawing the arrow belongs to. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Agostinelli (U.S. Pub No. 2004/0075817). Agostinelli teaches a device for combining a plurality of signals transmitted from an array of LEDs 20, in an optical system for image projection, the device comprising a structure formed from a plurality of red dichroic filters 40r1-40r3. The applicant is directed to review paragraphs [0054] and [0067].

Claims 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Handschy (U.S. Patent No. 6,195,136). Handschy teaches a device for providing a uniformity of light at a microdisplay in an optical system for image projection, the device including a diffuser 156 positioned substantially away from an array of solid state light sources 152. As can be seen in figure 18A, the spread of the beam is at a maximum for collection by Fresnel lens 158. As seen in figures 18A and 18B, light source 152 is comprised of a plurality of LEDs 164, 166, 168 and 18C shows that the light beam is made of the combination of light originating from this array of LEDs.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldenberg (U.S. Patent No. 4,912,614) in view of Westort (U.S. Patent No. 6,612,701) or McCoy (U.S. Patent No. 6,079,834). Goldenberg teaches a non-imaging device for increasing a collection efficiency of light received from a light source 2 and subsequently emitting light towards a display for image projection the non-imaging device comprising a total internal reflection based compound hyperbolic emitter (15/16/17) mounted to the light source. The applicant is directed to review the figures as well as col. 1, lines 39-43, and col. 6, lines 15-17. Goldenberg does not teach that the light source is a solid state light source. Instead the light source of Goldenberg is an arc lamp. Both Westort and McCoy teach that it was known to utilize an LED array in place of an arc lamp as the light source in an image projection system. The applicant is directed to review col. 4, lines 55-63 of McCoy and col. 12, lines 25-28 of Westort. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the features taught by Westort or McCoy for the purpose of utilizing a lower power, lower heat light source.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 4-8 and 13-22 are allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher E Mahoney whose telephone number is (571) 272-2122. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5PM, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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